

# **Interview Summary**

Application No.

09/736,441

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Nhon T Diep

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Nhon T Diep.

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(2) Bill Wegman.

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Date of Interview: 29 July 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: None.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner calls to ask for permission to amend claim 1 to correct a minor informal matter. Permission was granted and the changes to claim 1 is reflected as in the attached examiner's amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bill Wegman on 29 July 2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

#### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 has been amended as in the attached sheet.

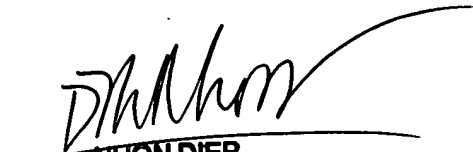
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon T Diep whose telephone number is 703-305-4648. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris S Kelley can be reached on 703 305-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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1 (Twice Amended). A method of encoding a local time base of a [an audio] visual sequence in [the] compressed data comprising [the steps of]:

obtaining instances of the [audio] visual sequence by temporal sampling;

determining the local time base of the [said] instances to be encoded into the compressed data;

encoding the [said] local time base in two parts, comprising of a modulo time base that marks the occurrence of a set of time reference spaced evenly at a specific interval on the local time base and a time base increment relative to the [said] evenly spaced time reference;

inserting the modulo time base into the compressed data whenever the specific interval [have] has elapsed; and

inserting the time base increment within the compressed data of the [said] instances of the [audio] visual sequence.

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bill Wegman on 5 Oct 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 3 has been amended as in the attached sheet.

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3 (Twice Amended). A method of decoding a local time base of [an audio] a visual sequence from the time base of the compressed data encoded according to claim 1, comprising [the steps of]:

initializing the reference time base taking into account the time base offset;

incrementing the reference time base by a specific interval for each modulo time base decoded;

decoding the time base increment of the compressed instance; and

determining the decoding time base of the [said] instance by adding the [said] decoded time base increment value to the reference time base.